

Health care benefits for incarcerated youth before and after release

Oregon is working to provide limited Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits to youth transitioning out of carceral facilities. These include:

- County juvenile detention facilities
- County jails
- Oregon Youth Authority facilities
- Oregon Department of Corrections facilities
- Federal Prison
- Tribal jails

These benefits are known as the Reentry Health Care benefits and cover services that fall under Section 5121 of the [Federal Consolidated Appropriation Act](#) (FCAA) of 2023. They're designed to improve health outcomes for justice-involved youth.

What are the new benefits?

Reentry Health Care benefits will cover 30 days of pre-release services and 30 days of post-release services to support successful reentry into the community.

Qualified providers can offer and bill Medicaid for post-release services starting in 2026. They will be able to offer and bill pre-release services starting no earlier than January 1, 2027.

Benefits include:

- Preventative health screenings and diagnostics in alignment with Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits
- Targeted Case Management

- Assessment of needs
- Development of a person-centered care plan based on assessment
- Referrals to services identified in care plan
- Follow-up to ensure care plan is implemented
- 30 days post-release care coordination (finding healthcare providers, scheduling appointments, etc.)

Who qualifies?

To qualify for these benefits, youth must be:

- Eligible for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP)
- Under age 21 or under age 26 for those who have aged out of the foster care system
- Post adjudicated (sentenced)
- Within 30 days before release from a carceral facility or within 30 days post-release from a carceral facility

About the Consolidated Appropriation Act

In 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). The Act requires State Medicaid agencies to:

- Offer incarcerated youth Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) health-related screenings and diagnostics
- Continue care and case management after release
- Restore Medicaid and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) benefits to eligible youth after release

Questions?

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